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1. HIGHLIGHTS OF GARDNER'S VISIT AS FOLLOWS:

A. SAO PAULO: MARCH 7 - 13:

(1) ALL GARDNER'S MEETINGS IN SAO PAULO (PER REFTTEL) - WHETHER FORMAL LECTURE, SMALL SEMINAR, WORKING LUNCH, PRESS INTERVIEW OR EVENING SOCIAL EVENT - STIMULATED WELL-INFORMED, REASONED DISCUSSION, WHICH GARDNER CONTROLLED. ON EVERY OCCASION, HE WAS WELL-BRIEFED ON US OFFICIAL POSITION AND WHEN AND IF HE DIFFERED (RELATIVELY INFREQUENTLY), HE IDENTIFIED HIS VIEW AS PERSONAL ONE.

(2) HE SCORED HEAVELY WITH BRAZILIAN OPINION LEADERS IN HIS REMARKS ON NEED FOR BRAZIL TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES OF "GREAT POWER" AND TO ACCEPT CONSEQUENCES OF ITS ACTION IN BI-LATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL FORA. SPECIFICALLY, HE MADE STRONG PRESENTATION OF US POSITION ON GSP AND NOTED BRAZILIAN NON-COMPLIANCE IN EARLIER NEGOTIATIONS. ALSO MENTIONED REACTION OF US PUBLIC OPINION TO
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ANTI-ZIONISM VOTE.

(3) THROUGHOUT PROGRAM, GARDNER EMPHASIZED THEME OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INTERDEPENDENCE, NEED FOR BOLD, VISIONARY SOLUTIONS TO CRITICAL PROBLEMS OF ENERGY, DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD PRODUCTION, RESPONSIBILITY OF INFLUENTIAL NATIONS FOR PEACE, STABILITY AND COOPERATION IN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD, WHEN OPPORTUNITY AROSE, GARDNER ADVANCED US POSITIONS ON CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA, COMPLEXITY OF DETENTE, AND PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS, AMONG OTHER SUBJECTS.

B. RIO, MARCH 13-20:

(1) GARDNER PROGRAMMED WITH OR MET SOCIALLY, WITH MANY LEADERS IN RIO WHO SHARE HIS PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS. EXCELLENT PRESS COVERAGE, ESPECIALLY IN JORNAL DO BRASIL.

(2) FORMAL PROGRAMS INCLUDED TALKS AT BRAZILIAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND STATISTICS, INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING, PROGRAM FOR JOINT STUDIES ON LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION (ECIEL), RIO BRANCO INSTITUTE, SUPERIOR WAR COLLEGE. ALSO HAD PROGRAM LUNCHEONS, DINNERS, WHERE HE MET IMPRESIVE ARRAY JOURNALISTS, ACADEMICIANS, INTELLECTUALS, BUSINESSMEN.

(3) PROBABLY MOST INTERESTING FORMAL PROGRAMS WERE AT RIO BRANCO INSTITUTE - WHERE SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS, EXTREMELY WELL INFORMED, QUESTIONED GARDNER SHARPLY ON US-BRAZIL RELATIONS, US LEADERSHIP IN WORLD AFFAIRS, ISSUES RELEVANT TO BRAZIL FOREIGN POLICY- AND AT SUPERIOR WAR COLLEGE, WHERE GARDNER'S FORMAL REMARKS WERE DIRECTED MORE TO US FOREIGN POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE, THAN PLANNED TOPIC OF ENERGY, AS ONE QUESTIONER NOTED. HOWEVER, Q/A PERIOD BROADENED TO WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES. INCLUDING DETENTE. BRAZILIAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY, STATUS OF ISRAEL IN UN. GARDNER MOST EFFECTIVE IN RESPONSES TO THESE QUESTIONS.

C. BELO HORIZONTE, MARCH 20-23:

(1) GARDNER'S SCHEDULED LECTURE, ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION STIMULATED EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE, SPECIALLY IN ESTADO DE MINAS, THE MAJOR BELO HORIZONTE DAILY, AND ESTADO DE SAO PAULO AND O GLOBO (RIO). GARDNER'S UNCLASSIFIED

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REMARKS SUMMARIZED IN FRONT-PAGE FEATURE OF SUNDAY ECONOMIC SECTION OF ESTADO DE MINAS, IN WHICH WRITER ATTEMPTED TO MAKE COMPARISON'S BETWEEN GARDNER'S POSITION AND THAT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND PRESIDENT FORD. SEVERAL REPORTERS NOTED THAT FULL SUPPORT OF USIS BEING GIVEN TO MEMBER OF "BRAIN TRUST" OF A MAJOR OPPOSITION CANDIDATE - THIS, THEY NOTED, WAS "DEMOCRACY AT ITS BEST."

D. BRASILIA, MARCH 23-26:

(1) IN MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN POLICY ADVISORS, INCLUDING FONMIN SILVEIRA AND UN SPECIALISTS AT ITAMARATY, GARDNER DISCUSSED MANY ISSUES: BRAZIL'S VOTE ON KOREA ZIONISM RESOLUTIONS; PUERTO RICO; U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES' PERCEPTIONS OF UN VIS-A-VIS PERCEPTIONS OF NEW COUNTRIES; CUBA, ANGOLA.

GARDNER ESPECIALLY CRITIZED BRAZIL'S ZIONISM VOTE AS DESTRUCTIVE OF UN AS INSTITUTION OF RULES. HE HELD SIGNIFICANT SESSIONS WITH OTHER GOB OFFICIALS.

(2) BRASILIA UNIVERSITY MEETING FOCUSSED ON TRADE, ENERGY, ESPECIALLY ON IMPENDING DECISION BY PRESIDENT FORD ON IMPORTATION OF BRAZILIAN SHOES, AND THREAT OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. HE STRESSED THAT DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER SOURCES OF ENERGY IS NOT BEING GIVEN DUE EMPHASIS.

(3) GARDNER INVITED MINES AND ENERGY MINISTER SHIGEAKI UEKI TO PARTICIPATE IN MAY ENERGY CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK, WHERE UN SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK.

(4) GARNER ALSO DISCUSSED SUBJECTS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SENIOR BRAZILIAN OFFICIAL SAID END OF US TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BRAZIL WAS A MISTAKE), AND PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A CONSORTIUM OF US LAW SCHOOLS TO ASSIST IN STRENGTHENING UNIV. OF BRASILIA LAW PROGRAM. DASILIA LAW PROGRAM.

E. SALVADOR, MARCH 27-29:

(1) TALK AT LAW FACULTY TO 60-70 PROFESSORS, STUDENTS, ON ENERGY: GARDNER WAS ARTICULATE AND FIRM IN DEFENDING US POSITION ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, AND, ALTHOUGH MOST OF AUDIENCE DISAGREED WITH HIM, HIS UNCLASSIFIED

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RATIONAL, ORGANIZED PRESENTATION WON THEIR RESPECT. DEAN SAID GARDNER WAS MOST "PERSUASIVE TALKER" HE'D EVER HEARD.

(2) TALK AT GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS: SESSION ATTENDED BY ALMOST ALL OF MASTER'S PROGRAM'S 34 STUDENTS EIGHT PROFESSORS. AUDIENCE GENERALLY IN DISAGREEMENT. Q/A PERIOD BECAME FREE-WHEELING DEBATE ON MARKET AND MARXIST ECONOMIC MODELS. GARDNER WAS BRIGHT, TOUGH, DEAN LATER TOLD HIM HE WAS BEST SPEAKER THE COURSE HAD PROGRAMMED TO DATE.

(3.) ROUND-TABLE AT FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIAL SCIENCE: GARDNER SPOKE ON UN, SUCCESSFULLY HABNDLED QUESTIONS ON ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION, EMERGENCE OF THIRD WORLD BLOC. PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED ONLY SALVADOR JOURNALIST WHO DEVOTES A REGULAR COLUMN TO INTERNATIONAL

AFFAIRS.

2. BRAZILIAN NEWS MEDIA INCLUDING VEJA MAGAZINE SPECULATED THAT SINCE GARDNER HAD ACTED AS FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR TO DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE JIMMY CARTER, HE MIGHT WELL BE SECRETARY OF STATE IF CARTER WERE ELECTED.

3. ALL POSTS AGREE THAT GARDNER'S PROGRAM WAS UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS. HE WAS ESPECIALLY SUCCESSFUL IN ANSWERING CHALLENGING QUESTIONS AND OFFERING CAREFULLY THOUGHT OUT AND STIMULATING PROPOSALS FOR ACTION ON ENERGY, UN, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS. POST WOULD WELCOME HIM AGAIN TO RENEW DIALOG HE HAS BEGUN.
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